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Applicants: Miyoshi et al.

Atty. Dkt.: 26H-007

Serial No.: 10/829,254

Art Unit: 3753

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Examiner: LEE, Kevin L

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Title: APPARATUS FOR INHIBITING
FUELS FROM FLOWING OUT OF FUEL
TANKS

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PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(a)

Sir:

This petition is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a) to correct the inventorship of the above-identified application.

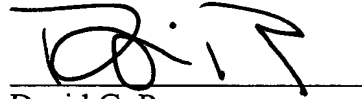
In particular, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a)(1), it is submitted that the inventorship originally set forth in the executed declaration signed by claimed inventors Keiji Miyoshi Norihiro Yamada, Keisuke Yoshida and Tomohide Aoki dated April 12, 2004 was incomplete, and that the addition of fifth inventor Koji Miwa is necessary in order to accurately reflect the inventorship of the subject matter being claimed.

The error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intent by Koji Miwa. A Statement Under Rule 1.48(a)(2) executed by Mr. Miwa that evidences his lack of deceptive intent in being initially omitted as a named inventor, as well as a Supplemental Declaration executed by all inventors pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a)(3), are included with this Petition.

In addition, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a)(5), a Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b), in which TOYODA GOSEI CO., LTD. (the original assignee of all rights in the present application in an original assignment executed by Keiji Miyoshi Norihiro Yamada, Keisuke Yoshida and Tomohide Aoki) consents to the addition of Mr. Miwa as an inventor in the above application, is attached.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a)(4), the required fee of \$130.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) is enclosed herewith by check. Any further charges may be charged to Deposit Account 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.G. Posz', is written over a horizontal line.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: TOYODA GOSEI CO., LTD.

Application No./Patent No. 10/829,254 Filed/Issue Date: April 22, 2004

Entitled: APPARATUS FOR INHIBITING FUELS FROM FLOWING OUT OF FUEL TANKS

TOYODA GOSEI CO., LTD., a Corporation,
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.

The extent (by, percentage) of its ownership interest is _____ %

in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

- A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 015257, frame 0363, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

OR

- B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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- ☐ Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

- ☐ Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.
[NOTE: A separate copy (i.e., the original assignment document or a true copy of the original document) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 CFR Part 3, if the assignment is to be recorded in the records of the USPTO. See MPEP 302.08]

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee, and consents on behalf of the assignee to the addition of Mr. Koji MIWA as an inventor in the above-identified pending application.

Feb 27, 2006
Date

Katsuhiko NAKAYAMA

Typed or printed name

Katsuhiko Nakayama
Signature

General Manager, Intellectual Property Division

Title



Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application
特許出願宣誓書及び委任状
Japanese Language Declaration
日本語宣誓書

下記の氏名の発明者として、私は以下の通り宣言します。 As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

私の住所、郵便住所、国籍は下記の私の氏名の後に記載された通りです。

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

下記の名称の発明に関して特許請求の範囲に記載され、特許出願している発明内容について、私が最初かつ唯一の発明者(下記の氏名が一つの場合)もしくは最初かつ共同発明者であると(下記の名称が複数の場合)信じています。

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

APPARATUS FOR INHIBITING FUELS FROM FLOWING OUT OF FUEL TANKS

上記発明の明細書(下記の欄で×印がついていない場合は、本書に添付)は、

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

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国出願番号または PCT 国際出願番号を
_____とし、
(該当する場合) _____に補正されました。

☒ was filed on April 22, 2004
as United States Application Number or PCT
International Application Number 10/829, 254
and was amended on _____
(if applicable).

私は、特許請求範囲を含む上記補正後の明細書を検討し、内容を理解していることをここに表明します。

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

私は、連邦規則法典第37編第1.56項に規定されるとおり、特許性の有無について重要な情報を開示する義務があることを認めます。

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

私は、以下に記載する特許もしくは発明者証の外国出願について米国法典第35編119条(a)-(d)項又は365条(b)項に基づく外国優先権を、又は以下に記載する米国以外の国の少なくとも一カ国を指定している PCT 国際出願について米国法典第35編365(a)項に基づく外国優先権をここに主張するとともに、優先権を主張している本出願の前に出願された特許もしくは発明者証の外国出願又は PCT 国際出願を、枠内をマークすることで以下に示します。

I hereby claim foreign priority under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Not Claimed
(優先権主張なし)

外国での先行出願

1.	2003-121783	JAPAN	25/April/2003	<input type="checkbox"/>
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☐ Additional Foreign Application (s) is (are) listed on the attached sheet which is incorporated herein by reference.

私は、下記の米国仮特許出願について第35編米国法典19条(e)項に基づく権利をここに主張いたします。

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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私は、下記の米国特許出願について米国法典第35編120条に基づく権利、又は米国を指定している下記のPCT国際出願について米国法典第35編365条(c)に基づく権利をここに主張します。また、本出願の各請求範囲の内容が米国法典第35編112条第1段で規定された方法で先行する米国特許出願又はPCT国際出願に開示されていない限り、その先行出願の出願日以降で当該国内出願又はPCT国際出願の出願日までの期間中に入手された、連邦規則法典第37編1.56項で定義された特許性の有無に関する重要な情報について開示義務があることを認識しています。

(Application No.) (出願番号)	(Filing Date) (出願日)
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of application.

Application No. (出願番号)	Filing Date (出願日)
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Status : (現況)	Patented, (特許許可済)	Pending, (係属中)	Abandoned (放棄済)
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私は、私自身の知識に基づいて本宣言書中で私が行う表明が真実であり、かつ私の入手した情報と私の信じていることに基く表明が全て真実であると信じていること、さらに故意になされた虚偽の表明及びそれと同等の行為は米国法典第18編第1001条に基づき、罰金または拘禁、もしくはその両方により処罰されること、そしてそのような故意による虚偽の声明を行えば、出願した、又は既に許可された特許の有効性が失われることを認識し、よってここに上記のごとく宣誓を致します。

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

委任状： 私は下記の発明者として、本出願に関する一切の手続を米特許商標局に対して遂行する弁理士または代理人として、下記の者を指名いたします。(弁護士、または代理人の氏名及び登録番号を明記のこと)

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith (list name and registration number)

書類送付先： (Send Correspondence to) PTO Customer No. 23400
Posz Law Group, PLC

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発明者の署名 (Inventor's Signature)	Keiji Miyoshi
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第三共同発明者 (Full name of third joint inventor): Kelsuke YOSHIDA	
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(a)(2)

Sir:

I, Koji MIWA, hereby state that I was originally omitted as a named inventor in the above identified pending U.S. patent application, and that such error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on my part.

Date: February 28, 2006

By: Koji Miwa
Koji MIWA

TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/829,254
	Filing Date	April 22, 2004
	First Named Inventor	MIYOSHI et al.
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Remarks		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	Posz Law Group, PLC David G. Posz, Reg. No. 37,701
Signature	
Date	March 9, 2006



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☐ Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)**170**

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- For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)
- ☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☐ Charges fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	\$0
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
- 20 or HP =	x	\$50	= \$0			

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

<u>Indep. Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
- 3 or HP =	x	\$200	= \$0

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$ _____ (\$ for small entity)
for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41 (a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

<u>Total Sheets</u>	<u>Extra Sheets</u>	<u>Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other: **Fee for Petitions to the Commissioner (\$130) & Assignment Recordation Fee (\$40)** **\$170**

SUBMITTED BY

Signature		Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 37,701	Telephone (703) 707-9110
Name (Print/Type)	DAVID G. POSZ	Date	March 9, 2006

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